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FROM JAPAN

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1. EMBASSY A LITTLE BIT BEMUSED BY GOC EMBASSY MINISTER
GHORHAM'S REACTION TO QUERY REGARDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF
CANADIAN PERSONNEL TO UNC (REAR). WHILE GOC MAY WELL BE
WILLING TO UNDERTAKE SUCH OPERATION, IT SHOULD BE KEPT
IN MIND THAT CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDERGOING
SEVERE AUSTERITY DRIVE IN GENERAL. DEPT OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE (CND) WAS EXCLUDED FROM SOME PROVISIONS OF
AUSTERITY DRIVE ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN WRUNG SO DRY
THAT IT HAD LITTLE MORE TO GIVE. WE SUSPECT THAT GORHAM'S
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ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE MAY LIE IN HIS REFERENCE TO THE

LARGE "PRACTICAL WORKLOAD" PLACED ON HIS EMBASSY SINCE HE WOULD PRESUMABLY ARGUE STRENGOUSLY FOR SUCH POSITIONS TO EASE THE BURDEN OF HIS STAFF. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN HE MENTIONS CANADIAN "GENERAL POLICY COMMITMENT TO UN ACTIVITIES" HE FAILS TO MENTION THAT THAT COMMITMENT, AND PARTICULARLY CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING COMMITMENTS, HAVE COME UNDER INTENSE SCRUTINY RECENTLY IN LIGHT BOTH OVERALL DEFENSE PERSONNEL STRINGENCIES AND NEED PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES FOR 1976 MONTREAL OLYMPICS. ONLY AFTER STRONG US AND YNSYG REPRESENTATIONS DID GOC DECIDE NOT TO REDUCE ITS PRESENT COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, IMPLICATIONS REMAINS THAT PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS MIGHT BE FIRST AREA FOR REDUCTION IF DND IS COMPELLED TO SHIFT PRIORITIES. IN ANY EVENT, GOC WOULD ALSO LOOK VERY CLOSELY AT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH SYMBOLIC PRESENCE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE EFFECT ON ITS KOREA CORE GROUP ACTIVITIES, BEFORE REACHING DECISION.

2. HOWEVER, SINCE CONTINGENT SMALL, GOC MAY WELL BE WILLING TO GO ALONG AND EMBASSY CAN ONLY RECOMMEND THAT US ASK. IF GOOD ARGUMENTS ARE PRESENTED AND CANADA CAN SEE THAT SUCH COMMITMENT WOULD BENEFIT CANADA IN OTHER WAYS, AS SUGGESTED BY MINISTER GORHAM, IT MAY WELL AGREE.
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